

it has so far arrived in the country;

(b) how much in terms of quantity and value has so far been lifted by the industry;

(c) if the wool has not already been lifted, the reasons therefor; and

(d) when the balance of the wool, in terms of quantity and value, will arrive in India?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi)

(a) Under the Colombo Plan, the Australian Government have agreed to supply, over a period of 3 years, 4 million lbs. of greasy wool valued at about Rs. 332 crores. The rupee cost of the wool is to be deposited in a Special Fund for approved projects for development of the Indian Woollen Industry. A quantity of 9.17 lakh lbs. valued at Rs. 49.35 lakhs has already arrived and another 4 lakh lbs. valued at Rs. 23 lakhs is expected to arrive shortly.

(b) and (c). The industry apparently has sufficient stocks of raw materials for present requirements, imported under Actual User and other licences, as they have not lifted any Australian wool. The Industry has also been asking for certain changes in the procedure for the operation of the Raw Wool Pool created with the wool imported from Australia. Discussions with the Industry have been initiated for lifting the stocks.

(d) The entire quantity is to be supplied within three years from 1966-67 and the shipments will arrive at periodic intervals upto September, 1969.

Second U. N. Trade and Development Conference

*549. **Shri N. S. Sharma:**
Shri Sri] Shambha Lal:

Shri A. B. Vajpayee:
Shri Shardanand:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the second U. N. Trade and Development Conference is going to be held in Delhi;

(b) if so, the arrangements so far made for the Conference;

(c) whether any papers have been prepared by Government and other Indian organisations and individuals for the Conference; and

(d) if so, the main features thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the organisational side, arrangements are being made for (i) providing accommodation for the participants in the Conference, (ii) Conference facilities in Vigyan Bhavan, (iii) providing transport facilities and (iv) information and publicity etc.

(c) and (d). A number of expert panels, consisting of economists and others from the Ministries of the Government of India and from Universities and other such institutions, have been constituted to prepare studies and position papers on all subjects of interest to India and to developing countries in general, on the basis of the draft provisional agenda for the Conference. The work of these panels is in progress.

Indo-Polish Collaboration in the Manufacture of Machine Tools

*550. **Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leader of the Polish Scientists delegation which visited India recently has expressed the enormous possibility of further Indo-Polish collaboration in the field of machine tools and machinery;